

street improvements specified in the act, to condemn necessary lands and easements therefor and to assess the cost thereof, and to prescribe the procedure for such condemnation and assessment.

Procedure hereunder complete but not exclusive, and method of other acts and city charters may be followed.

SEC. 2. *Procedure Herein Prescribed Complete But Not Exclusive.* This act is intended to prescribe the complete procedure for the making of the street improvements referred to in the act, for the condemnation of the necessary lands or easements, and for the assessment and collection of the cost of such improvements; but the method hereby provided is not intended to be exclusive, and any city or town may proceed with respect to such improvements either as prescribed by this act or as is now or may hereafter be prescribed by the charter of such city or town or by any public, public-local, or private act affecting such city or town.

Definition of terms.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* Wherever the words defined in this section are hereinafter used they shall, unless the context requires otherwise, be deemed to have the following meanings:

City.

City—Any incorporated city or town in North Carolina.

City clerk.

City Clerk—The clerk of any such city or town.

Clerk.

Clerk—The clerk of the Superior Court of the county in which such city or town is located.

Governing body.

Governing Body—The board of aldermen, board of commissioners, council or other chief legislative body of such city or town.

Owner.

Owner—(Except as used in section nine) any person having any property interest in lands or easements.

Overpass.

Overpass—Any bridge for street and sidewalk purposes over railroad tracks.

Underpass.

Underpass—Any way or pass for street and sidewalk purposes under railroad tracks.

SEC. 4. *General Classification of Improvements Authorized by Act and Description of Each Class.*

Classification of improvements.

(a) The improvements authorized to be made under the provisions of this act shall be divided into two general classes as follows:

Principal.

1. Principal improvements.

Incidental.

2. Incidental improvements.

Principal improvements defined.

(b) Principal improvements shall be those improvements which may be made alone.

Incidental improvements defined.

(c) Incidental improvements shall be those improvements which may be made under the provisions of this act only in connection with some principal improvement.

Principal improvements include:

SEC. 5. *Classes of Principal Improvements.* The principal improvements authorized to be made under the provisions of this act are the following: